

January 29, 2015
WORK SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH
MINUTES

Meeting commenced at **5:10 pm**.

Present: Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: Councilor Paul O'Connell (W4)

Item 1: Sidewalk Conditions in West Shore Village:

Councilor Armstrong opened discussion regarding certified letter and photos received from resident John Burdo asserting code violations.

Subsequent discussion involved comments regarding conditions of work done by contractors and who will be responsible to correct substandard conditions of work.

Kevin Farrington spoke on history of Air Force Base redevelopment and subdivision development.

Joe McMahon spoke on his office's involvement in West Shore Village.

Council comments included (but not limited to); who pays for sidewalks, substandard work, piece meal work, "ridiculous" workmanship, responsibility, liabilities, how will repair be factored in to major projects, change code(s) hopes for clarity and movement in the right direction.

Resident John Burdo spoke of his observations and contacts with various city employees involving the situation.

Item 2: Resolution (proposed) supporting production and dispensation of medical marijuana in Plattsburgh:

Councilor Kretser presented a detailed resolution proposing such. Planned for agenda at next regular meeting.

Item 3: Methods to explore immediate methods to improve snow removal operations and enforcement of existing policy:

Discussion involved enforcement of a proposed ordinance, involvement of Police Department, present/existing code, other municipality's approaches and formation of a snow removal from sidewalks committee.

Item 4: Committee structure:

Memo from Councilor Armstrong distributed with suggested committee. One work session per month may be eliminated to accommodate proposal.

Meeting ended at 6:15 pm

[Minutes recorded and submitted by Councilor Dowdle]